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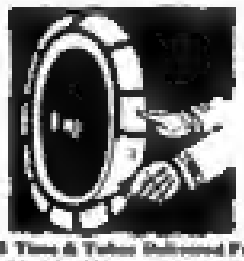

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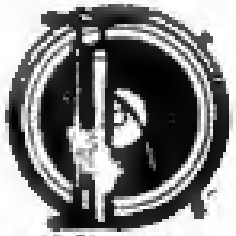

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34x4	12.45	2.35	15.50	2.85
32x4½			18.95	3.05
33x4½			19.45	3.15
34x4½			19.95	3.25
30x5			23.95	3.75
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30x4.75	12.95	2.55	31x6.00	18.45	3.55
29x4.95	13.45	2.60	32x6.00	18.95	3.80
30x4.95	13.95	2.65	33x6.00	19.45	4.10
31x4.95	15.45	2.70	34x6.00	20.00	4.50
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31x5.00	14.00	2.65	35x5.77	20.95	4.20
32x5.00	15.50	2.75	30x6.20	21.95	3.75
28x5.25	14.75	2.85	31x6.20	22.45	4.00
29x5.25	15.25	2.95	30x6.50	22.00	3.70
30x5.25	15.75	3.05	31x6.50	22.50	3.95
31x5.25	16.25	3.15	30x6.75	22.95	4.35
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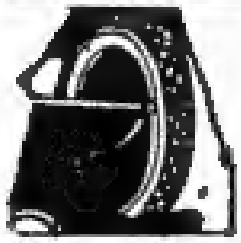

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EDITORIAL

ARMISTICE DAY

In the ranks of the armies both of the Allies and of the Central Powers there fought, during the four years of unparalleled tragedy whose ending was commemorated on November 11th, many young idealists who believed—with what warrant, it matters not—that they were fighting the battle of civilization, that the conclusion of the war would open up new avenues of social progress, the end of all aggressive imperialisms, and the creation of a world "fit for heroes to live in."

It was with such hopes in their hearts that many thousands of the flower of the world's youth died. Today, in whatever degree we have fallen short of realization of the hopes of these men of simple faith and fine devotion, in that degree the anniversary of the Armistice must be for us a day of national and international humiliation. And it may well be that if those whose loss the nations mourn themselves could speak, their words would express neither pride of victory nor the humiliation of defeat, but that the words of a young American poet, Ralph Chaplin, whose life has been devoted to social causes, would most accurately reflect their emotions:

"Mourn not the dead that in the cool earth lie;
Dust unto dust—
The calm sweet earth that mothers all who die—
As all men must.

"But rather mourn the apathetic throng—
The cowed, the meek—
Who see the world's great anguish and its wrong—
And dare not speak."

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A CONTINENT-WIDE CAMPAIGN

The campaign against public ownership of power resources in Alberta is part of a continent-wide movement. When the spokesman of one of the corporations which are fortifying themselves in Alberta ventures to assail the principle of public ownership, he adopts controversial methods with which the people of the United States have long been familiar. He adopts methods such as those being followed today by certain corporate interests which are seeking to carry the war against public ownership into its stronghold in Ontario.

Recently the Ontario Hydro-electric was attacked. In Ontario, fortunately, there is a press, Liberal and Conservative, which is jealously guarding the gains that have been made by public ownership, and its assailants are answered, ably and boldly, in the editorial columns of daily newspapers.

The following from the *Ottawa Citizen*, in answer to one of the enemies of public ownership, is of significance not only for Ontario, but also for the people of Alberta who have still to fight the battle which Ontario has fought, and won:

"Canada is a free country. The Canadian people are very tolerant. They have seen some of the finest land, some of the most valuable timber limits and other natural resources alienated from the public domain for the enrichment of privileged interests; almost, it seemed at one time, for the endowment of a new titled plutocracy. Parliament nipped the growth of hereditary nobblement in the bud, but left predatory wealth unmolested. So long as the privileged interests of a former generation of politics refrain from trying to repeat forgotten performances, they can probably remain unobserved. Clever young men . . . . cannot expect to be allowed to play the game of the enemies of public ownership in Ontario, however,

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NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of U.F.A. Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

ORGANIZES NEW LOCAL

M. Critchlow recently organized the Highridge U.F.A. Local, in the Dunstable district. T. W. Pendergraft is president and P. T. McKee secretary of the new organization.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

A very successful whist drive and dance was held at Allister School on November 2nd, by Allister U.F.A. Local, states the secretary, Perry Howe. After paying expenses, the sum of $41 was cleared.

PICKARDVILLE ORGANIZED

W. E. Curtis was the organizer in charge of the first meeting of Pickardville U. F. A. Local in the West Edmonton Constituency. C. F. Lambert and A. Smith were elected officers. The Local begins with a paid-up membership of nine.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

"We are making a drive for members now," states a report from John Green, secretary of Newlands U.F.A. Local, near Kobleford. "We hope to increase our membership to full strength. Our Local has done very well so far, since we organized in March, 1927."

RESULT INTERESTED

"The farmers are sure interested in U.F.A. work," writes the secretary of Bulmer U.F.A. Local, Martin Jensen. Mr. Jensen states that this district was badly hit by hail, "so it is rather hard to collect dues. We are raising our Local dues with entertainments, and I am looking for a good Local here. We have over thirty members signed up."

AT EAGLE HILL

The October meeting of Eagle Hill U.F.A. Local was held in the Eagle Hill school, and was very well attended. Mrs. von Schmidt read a bulletin on "Education." Mrs. Arneson gave a short resume of the aims and objects of the U.F.W.A., and W. A. Jones gave a short report of the constituency convention held in Olds. This Local has six women members, states Mrs. O. Arneson, secretary.

WRONG FIGURE

In an article appearing on page 12 in our August 15th issue, by "Viudex Veri," dealing with the price of potatoes and the prospects of pooling, it was stated that the cancelling of a special freight rate in September of last year made a difference in shipping carlots of potatoes from Southern Alberta points to Fort William, of $8.10 a ton. This should have read $2.10 a ton.

NORMANDEAU AT PLAMONDON

Louis Normandeau, Field Representative, recently visited Plamondon, and gave an excellent address on the Wheat Pool and its objectives. As Mr. Normandeau spoke both in French and English, everyone in the audience was enabled to get a clear idea of the Wheat Pool. Mr. Normandeau will be welcomed any time he wishes to come in the future and we congratulate the Pool for sending out such able field men.

WALLACE HORSFORD,
Sec. Universal Local.

MAKES RECORD

N. P. Davidson, secretary of Calgary U.F.A. Local, has sold 78 U.F.W.A. Cook Books. This is the largest number ordered by any one Local, so far.

PAINTER CREEK GOING STRONG

"The Painter Creek Local is going strong," states the secretary in a report on recent activities. "We held our annual pie social on November 2nd. One hour was devoted to games and afterwards the selling of pies took place. The bidding was very brisk, thanks to the young people of the district, and after paying all expenses we had $69 left. The social was advertised as 'U.F.A.' Are most of the people in favor of the U.F.A? It looks that way to us."

A SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT

An exceedingly sad drowning accident occurred at Dawson Lake, near Ardenode, on Sunday, November 4th, when two young men, Francis Booth and Harold Horrocks, lost their lives. Both boys were officers of the Ardenode Junior U.F.A Local, and in both cases the parents were active in the U.F.A. movement. Francis Booth was the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Booth, and Harold Horrocks was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Horrocks. Both were the only children of their parents.

HOW UP IN DAIRY POOL

"Elbridge U.F.A. Local held their regular meeting on Saturday, November 3rd, with a full house, including some distinguished visitors from Edmonton" writes the president of the Local, H. R. Touchings. "After the business was finished, J. R. Love, secretary of the Provincial Dairy Pool, addressed the meeting, going from A to Z in the dairy problem, and clearing up a lot of misunderstanding. At the conclusion of his address Mr. Gosh, the official organizer, was kept busy for a while signing new contracts. S. Carson, M.L.A., gave an address on co-operation.

"The Local will be holding another meeting in the next few days to arrange for their winter socials."

VALLEY SPRING JOINT MEETING

"About fifty members of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lisson, south of Jarrow, on November 7th, for the regular monthly meeting. Among the items of business, the U.F.A. decided to order their third car of coal. Each member brought a bushel of wheat for a Wheat Exhibit. The judge was H. W. Scott, and the winner of the first prize was J. F. James, his wheat weighing 63 lbs. to the bushel. It was decided that each member contribute the price of a bushel of wheat to the Local funds. Mr. Scott, Dominion Agriculturist, then gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the marketing of our grain overseas."—J. A. Waite, secretary, Valley Spring U.F.A. Local.

MEMBERS ADDRESSES ROCKWOOD

N. S. Smith, M.L.A., was the guest and chief speaker at a meeting of Rockwood U.F.A. Local, held on November 3rd. The president, R. McKay, expressed to Mr. Smith the cordial thanks of the gathering for the zeal he had shown in the matter of the projected western railway extension. The speaker discussed the railway matter thoroughly, and then invited questions from the audience, as a result of which a large number of matters were discussed. The maintenance of the Sundre-Olds highway was taken up, as well as several points in connection with the administration of the Livestock Pool. School administration was also discussed; Mr. Smith requested an expression of opinion as to the merit of the various possible units of administration. Most of those present appeared to favor Province-wide administration, as tending to obviate bickering of trustees, employment of teachers in unsuitable locations, and as a means of equalizing taxation.

CALGARY DANCE AND SOCIAL

Calgary U.F.A. Local social and dance held in the King George Lodge Rooms, Hillhurst, was attended by numerous visitors from out of town Locals, who drove in for the occasion, and contributed greatly towards the enjoyment of the evening. Among the Locals represented were Bridlington, Conrich, Delsey, Brushy Ridge, and there were also visitors from the Conrich and Delia districts. At supper time the company were entertained by Max Bishop, whose comic songs were much enjoyed; by George Barrs, who rendered most acceptably a number of tenor solos, while Miss Bishop proved an excellent accompanist. Patrick W. H. Higgs, chairman of the entertainment committee of the Calgary Local, was in charge of the arrangements. R. N. Maugles acted as master of ceremonies on the dancing floor.

FAVORS PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Rural credits, grain grading and public ownership were among subjects discussed at the regular monthly meeting of Mayerthorpe Local in October, states P. Rafferty, secretary, in submitting a very interesting report on the work of the Local. "Our members," he writes, "are all believers in public ownership, and we went on record in favor of that principle and favoring the development of water-power in Alberta by the Provincial Government.

"The members of this Local feel that education and agitation in regard to finance question, as well carried on during the past few years of the U.F.A. should not now be allowed to subside. While no suggestions were offered for the improvement of the grain grading system now in vogue, members were unanimous that a change was long overdue and a resolution to be sent to the Pool insists that grades be maintained throughout the entire crop season, instead of being variable as at present.

"Our Local is not as strong numerically as last year, but we are putting on a

membership drive very soon and hope to add to the ranks of the only organization in Alberta which holds out any promise of hope for the tillers of the soil."

The resolution on rural credits was in the following terms, and we take it that the act referred to is the "Long Term Loans Act" passed by the Dominion and Provincial Legislatures, to which reference is made in this issue in the report of a recent meeting of the U.F.A. Executive:

"Whereas, it is becoming extremely difficult for farmers to secure money for agricultural purposes and almost impossible to pay rates of interest and other charges demanded where loans are advanced, and

"Whereas, there appears to be no disposition on the part of the Federal Government to voluntarily interfere with the monopoly of the profiteers of finance.

"Be it resolved, that the Provincial Government continue to press for the immediate operation of the provisions of the Rural Credits Act recently passed by the Federal Government, and if unsuccessful in their efforts in that direction, that they make an aggressive and sincere effort to work out in this Province some system whereby it will be possible for farmers to secure much-needed capital on such terms and conditions as will afford them some measure of relief from the present legalized system of robbery."

Mrs. Field's Illness

At the U.F.A. Executive meeting, held in Edmonton on October 30th, which is reported elsewhere in this issue, a resolution was unanimously adopted expressing regret that Mrs. Jean Field, Second Vice-President of the U. F. W. A., has suffered a serious illness, which necessitated an operation at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton. The Executive wished Mrs. Field a speedy recovery. The resolution, together with flowers from the Executive, was subsequently presented by Mrs. Gunn.

The U.F.W.A. Executive meeting, on November 1st, adopted a similar resolution of sympathy. At the present time Mrs. Field is making normal progress, but it is not expected that it will be possible for her to resume any official duties prior to the Convention.

Late U.F.W.A. News

HAVE ACTIVE SEASON

"We are but few, but how we enjoy our meetings!" writes Mrs. C. O. Calbeck, secretary of Renfrew U.F.W.A. Local. "We have met every month, and as a rule our members have turned out 100 per cent."

A summary of meetings held since June is given by Mrs. Calbeck. One of the members, Mrs. Mellon, contributes an amusing opening song on each occasion, some of the titles being "South the Crust of the Old Apple Pie," "Oh, Boy, How the Money Rolls in," etc. Interesting topics were chosen for roll calls, such as Hints for the Bride; Pickle Hint; Labor Saving Devices; Favorite Pies; Bringing up Children. At the June meeting reports were given of the ice cream picnic given for the school children, and the special topic for discussion was Co-operative Marketing. Answers to the questionnaire were forwarded to Central Office.

At the July meeting, Legislation was the topic, and a paper on current events was read. A Household Demonstration was held in August, as well as a social evening. Social Service was the special topic for the August and September meetings. The topic discussed at the October meeting was "How to Be Happy, Though Married"; for November it was Education.

The Local exhibited a collection of hand-painting, done by members, at the Brooks Fair.

NOSE HILLS "AT HOME"

"The members of the Nose Hills Local U.F.W.A. were 'At Home' to their friends on Hallowe'en at the home of Mr. Walter Wraight. The house was tastefully decorated in the usual Hallowe'en style. The evening started off with a parade of all in costume and prizes for best costumes were awarded, Mrs. Theesfall, first, and Mrs. Gay Stevens, second. An interesting and entertaining program was given and the edition of the Nose Hills U.F.W.A. 'Searchlight' to date was read, giving a clever and original sketch of 'Old Times' in the locality. Dancing, games and fortune telling were indulged in. Supper was served at midnight consisting of a menu of salads, sandwiches, pumpkin pie, candy, etc. An enjoyable time was spent by all present and proved a happy climax to the year's activities."—*Enterprise*, Consort.

British Labor's Banking Policy

In our last issue we published a summary of the proposals of the British Labor Party for the control of the Bank of England. As the terms used to describe the authorities in whom the party would vest control, may not be quite clear to Canadian readers, we repeat the most important paragraph in the report below, together with a further explanation:

Clause 1 of the report reads: "The control of the Bank of England by a public corporation containing representatives of such essential factors in the community as the Treasury, Board of Trade, industry, labor, and the Co-operative movement."

The "Treasury" is the equivalent of the Canadian "Department of Finance."

The "Board of Trade," is a Government department, equivalent to our "Department of Trade and Commerce,"—not a body representing the business interests such as our local boards of trade, and their national organization, in Canada.

Presumably "industry" would be represented by one or more officers of national manufacturing and business organizations, "labor" by officers of the trades unions, and the "Co-operative movement" by officers of the Co-operative Union and the Co-operative wholesale societies.

While election predictions are dangerous, many independent authorities regard the prospects of a Labor Government in Britain next year as favorable, and the successes of Labor in recent by-elections and in the municipal elections lend support to that view.

If the result of the elections should give Labor the largest group, but not a majority, the party would be unable to carry out its program without the support of another group in the House of Commons.

STRONGER THAN FIRST SERIES

"The new Pool elevator at our point opened on October 31st, with a bang," writes Robt. H. Haskins, of Clive. "The mayor of Clive, Mr. Longstreet, dumped the first load, and every day since the opening there has been a steady stream of teams with loads of wheat lined up at the elevator. The house is already full, as many of us held our wheat at home waiting to do business in 'our' elevator. The agent here, Mr. Murdock, has already won a host of friends. In this district the Pool sign-up is stronger than during the first series. One elevator at this point is never going to handle the Pool members' business. The Pool farmers here could easily keep up two elevators, but 'Hurray' for the one we have. We are now just beginning to reap all we have sown. Yours for success."

Co-operative Trading Increases in Russia

More Than Half Retail Trade of Republic Done by Co-operatives

Figures given by Centrosojus, the central organization of the Russian consumer co-operatives, show that more than half of the retail trade of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is now done co-operatively.

The immense strides which have been made by co-operation are illustrated by the following statistics of retail trade:

	1923-24	1925-26	1926-27
Private trade	59%	44%	37%
Co-operation	30%	45%	52%
State trade	11%	11%	11%

In a pamphlet issued by the Centrosojus it is stated:

"In the decisions of the party (Communist) and the Government, a course has been taken to develop wholesale and particularly retail co-operative trade. That has been formulated as follows:

"'The co-operatives gradually increase their circulation of commodities to the extent that their financial, economic and organization possibilities allow. This is accomplished firstly at the expense of eliminating the private traders, and, secondly, by reducing the role of government trade'."

Executive Appeals to All Locals to Observe "Alberta School Week"

Will Be Observed on Week Commencing December 2nd

The U.F.A. Central Executive appeals through *The U.F.A.* to all Locals of the Association throughout Alberta to participate in the observance of "Alberta School Week," which commences on December 2nd.

Arrangements for the observance of the week are being made by the Alberta Teachers' Alliance, with whom the idea originated. The Alliance asks that special attention be given, at meetings held during this week, to the work of the schools and the educational needs of the children, in regard to which they consider there is danger of apathy on the part of both parents and public. It is understood that the Alliance is willing to assist in the provision of speakers as far as possible. All subjects which might be of a controversial character, such as salaries and status of teachers, will be excluded. Locals interested may obtain further information by writing the secretary of the Alliance, John W. Barnett, Imperial Bank Building, Edmonton.

Annual Convention of U.F.A. to Be in Edmonton January 15th to 18th

Dates Set by Executive — Why Has Farm Loans Act Not Become Operative? — Dominion Urged to Take Necessary Action — Other Important Matters Dealt With at Recent Meeting

The Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta will be held in Edmonton from January 15th to 18th inclusive. This decision was made at a meeting of the U.F.A. Executive held in Edmonton on October 30th.

The Executive appointed Messrs. Scholefield, Aitken and Biggs a committee to deal with resolutions for the Convention as they come in, and prepare them for the Convention. It was also agreed that the U.F.A. group of Federal members be invited through the Secretary, Henry E. Spencer, to appoint a committee to go through the resolutions dealing with Federal matters, acting in conjunction with the above mentioned committee of the Central Board. Discussion took place on the program, details of which will be announced as soon as available.

Farm Loans Delay

After discussion of the delays which have occurred in bringing into effect the new Long Term Farm Loans Act, owing to the fact that the Dominion Government has not yet made the necessary appointments to the Federal Board, the Executive unanimously adopted the following resolution, which was wired to Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance:

Whereas, the Long Term Farm Loan Act was passed by Parliament in 1927 after continuous request by the organized agriculture of Canada, and

Whereas, no action appears to have been taken by the Dominion Government to carry out said Act,

Whereas, owing to the damage by hail and frost the needs for long term loan act are much greater;

Therefore, we the U.F.A. Executive in committee assembled, earnestly request the Finance Minister to bring about the administration of the said Act as soon as possible.

Information was presented to the Executive showing that the Alberta Government has repeatedly requested the Federal Government to bring the Act into operation by making the necessary appointments, but that no action had resulted. The Dominion, however, states that difficulty has been found in finding suitable persons to take charge of the operation of the Act.

It may also be stated that the U.F.A. Federal members have strongly urged the bringing into effect of the Act by wire to Ottawa. Pressure has thus been brought to bear both by the Provincial Government, which will be responsible for the Provincial administration of the Act, by the U.F.A. itself, through its officers, and by their elected representatives at Ottawa.

Experimental Mill

The Executive received information that the Dominion Government contemplated the erection of a mill to test the milling qualities of wheat. It was stated that the Government had contemplated placing this under the jurisdiction of the Department of Trade and Commerce, which would mean in effect the Grain Commission. The Executive were of the opinion that administration by the Department of Agriculture would be much more desirable, in the producer's interest.

A resolution was accordingly adopted setting forth the opinion that the experimental mill should be built for the benefit of the producer, endorsing the proposal, and concluding:

"We do earnestly request that the mill be placed under the administration of the Department of Agriculture, which is directly responsible for the welfare of agricultural interests."

Annual Fee for District Associations

An amendment to the Constitution, making the annual fee for District Associations $1, and providing that such a fee shall also be paid by Federal and Provincial Constituency Associations, will be submitted to the Annual Convention if a recommendation of the Executive be adopted. At the present time the fee for District Associations, payable to Central Office, is $5 per annum, and there is no provision for any fee to be paid by Federal and Provincial Constituency Associations. Mr. Scholefield was appointed a committee of one to draft the necessary resolution.

Due Date of Notes

The Alberta Wholesale Implement Association wrote the Executive, to the effect that they did not feel it possible to comply at present with the request that the due date of notes be changed from October 1st to November 1st. They stated that where a farmer had not been able to get threshed, or for some other special reason was unable to meet his note at maturity, they had never taken action to cause such customer any inconvenience and almost invariably had waited until his threshing was completed or other arrangements made, before pressing for payment.

"It was the unanimous feeling," read the letter from the Association, "that in the event that the maturity dates for implement notes should be set back until a later period, the implement companies would be seriously handicapped by other creditors being in a position to press for payment immediately a man has threshed, and the general experience is that the first person on the ground after the man has his money is the one who will have his account paid."

The Association declared that they could give assurance that "the individual cases will be dealt with on their merits, and if at any time you should learn of any hardship caused by any individual through improper pressure which the circumstances of the case would not justify, the Association will be glad to have such investigated and remedied as far as possible."

The U.F.A. had asked for a reduction in the rate of interest on past due notes, but as the Implement Association's letter did not deal with this matter, Mr. Scholefield was asked to interview their representative.

An amendment to the constitution, to provide that the President of the Junior branch of the Association shall have the privileges of the Board, will be prepared and submitted for consideration.

Assignment Forms and Dues

The Executive is considering a proposal that dues to the U.F.A. should be collected through assignment forms on the various Pools, and the Secretary will accordingly write all branches of the association concerned to state that such a scheme will be brought forward for discussion if desired. It was felt by the Executive that the fees to be collected if the plan were found feasible should be those of (a) Central Office, (b) Local, (c) Federal, and (d) Provincial Constituency Associations. In order that such a scheme of collection might be carried out, it would be most desirable that the fees to these various branches should be uniform, in order that the amount of the assignment might in each case be uniform.

At the present time there is considerable variation as between one constituency and another, as to the amount of the fees levied for constituency purposes. If the uniform plan were adopted, each constituency would, of course, still be at liberty to levy what additional fee it might wish, in addition to the amount obtained through the authorization form used.

Wheat Grading

In the course of a discussion of a resolution of the last Annual Convention, to the effect that a committee of the U.F.A. Board meet the corresponding committee of the Alberta Wheat Pool to deal with the matter of wheat grading, it was pointed out that the Alberta Pool has no committee on grading. President Wood stated, however, that this matter was in the hands of a committee of the Canadian Wheat Pool, and suggested that the U.F.A. committee get in touch with this Pool body.

United Farmers of B.C.

Mr. Armishaw, accredited organizer for the United Farmers of British Columbia, appeared before the Executive, presenting credentials from the president of his organization, E. E. Hardwick, and the secretary, S. R. Gibson. Mr. Armishaw discussed plans for the reorganizing of the U.F.B.C. and gave many interesting particulars with regard to the situa-

SPEAKERS FOR LOCALS ON MUTUAL INSURANCE

The U.F.A. Executive wishes to notify all Locals of the Association that they can obtain speakers on the subject of mutual fire insurance, if they wish to do so, by writing the Wawanesa Mutual Fire Insurance Company, 517-6th Ave. W., Calgary.

This notification is given as the result of a proposal made to the Executive at its recent meeting in Edmonton. All Locals interested can make arrangements for speakers by dealing with the company directly.

tion in this sister Province. He said that the Provincial Government had never been very sympathetic to the farmers' movement, and that the B.C. farmers were in consequence very greatly handicapped. He spoke of the desirability of affiliation with the Canadian Council of Agriculture, and stated that the object of his visit was to enlist the active co-operation of the U.F.A. in the effort of the B.C. farmers to organize, by sending speakers and otherwise.

The Executive unanimously adopted a resolution, stating that the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. wished every success to the U.F.B.C. and would be glad to co-operate with them wherever possible.

A letter was read from the Canadian Labor Party, inviting the U.F.A. to send a fraternal delegate to their Convention in Calgary on November 11th. Mr. Scholefield was appointed to convey the Association's greetings to the Labor body.

It was announced that one copy of the report of proceedings at the Alberta Military Institute this year would be sent free to all who attended, and one copy would be sent free also to every U.F.A., U.F.W.A. and Junior Local.

Those present at the meeting were President Wood, R. F. G. H. Scholefield, Vice-President, A. F. Aitken, J. K. Sutherland, J. A. Johannes and Mrs. Gunn. As stated elsewhere, Mrs. Field was unable to be present owing to serious illness.

Excutive of U.F.W.A. Holds Meeting

Various Matters of Importance Discussed in Edmonton—Further Session, November 22nd

Various matters of importance, including some features of the Convention program, were discussed at a meeting of the Executive of the U.F.W.A. in Edmonton on November 1st.

Miss Bateman's bulletin to the secretaries of Locals, in regard to the U.F.W.A. Cook Book, was most heartily approved, and the opinion was expressed that the Directors should assume a responsibility for disposing of as many of the books as possible, as quickly as possible.

A letter was read from Miss Macmillan, stating that she had received notification from the Minister of Agriculture that no exhibit would be sent to the Canadian National Exhibition, but that one would be sent to the Royal Show. This will be a composite exhibit from the Prairie Provinces.

The Executive received a letter from T. H. Keare, grower of Italian prunes, calling attention to the difference between tree ripened fruit and the immature fruit which is ordinarily shipped to the Prairie Provinces in an endeavor to meet competition with American prunes, which ripen a month earlier than those of British Columbia. It was decided to forward the letter to the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Association, which is shortly to operate a warehouse.

The Executive considered a letter from Mr. Barnett re observance of Alberta School Week, and expressed their sympathy with its objects. Reference to this matter, which was dealt with by the U.F.A. Executive a few days previously, is made elsewhere.

J. E. Armishaw, of the U.F.B.C., who had previously met the U.F.A. Executive, spoke to the meeting, and Miss Bateman was asked to write a letter expressing good wishes to the B.C. organization.

Miss Bateman represented the U.F.W.A. at a meeting of the Canadian Social Hygiene Council in Calgary on October 18th, as Mrs. Wyman, who was to have attended, had found that it would be impossible for her to do so.

A further meeting of the U.F.W.A. Executive will be held in Calgary on November 22nd, to plan the Convention program.

PROVINCIAL SEED FAIR

The Alberta Provincial Seed Fair will be held in Edmonton during the week of January 15th, 1929, it is announced by Field Crops Commissioner W. J. Stephen. It is expected that the attendance will include a large number of farmers interested in the production of high quality seed grain, as well as many delegates to the U.F.A. Annual Convention which is to be held in Edmonton during the same week. Arrangements are being made, as in previous years, to hold the annual meeting of the Alberta Seed Growers' Association at the same time.

LIVESTOCK UNION TO MEET FEB. 22

Arrangements are being made for the annual meeting of the Western Canada Livestock Union which is to be held in Edmonton, February 20-22, 1929.

Locals Invited to Write Accounts of Their Experiences in Co-operative Effort

Request Made by Central Board at Summer Meeting

Every Local of the Association is invited to have written and sent in to Central Office an account of its experience along lines of co-operative endeavor.

This invitation is issued by the Central Board of the Association, on recommendation of the Co-operative Committee. It is hoped that there will be an extensive response, and that from the material sent in it will be possible to give in the columns of *The U.F.A.* much material which may be of interest and of value in the promotion of co-operative enterprise in its various forms.

The report of the Co-operative Committee was adopted at the summer Board meeting, and is printed in full below. Locals are requested to note particularly the concluding paragraph, with reference to assistance which may be rendered by Central Office.

The Committee's Report

The report follows:

Your Committee, reviewing the field of co-operation from the start of our Organization, have noted:

1. Our Organization originated out of a general feeling of dissatisfaction with the economic conditions at the time of its inception, and with the helpless position of the individual farmer to remedy the situation.

2. And as a direct outgrowth of our organization we started our commercial activities such as the Farmer owned elevator company, Local co-operatives of various kinds, (hay, potatoes, poultry, livestock and co-operative stores, etc.) and

3. As an outgrowth of this primary attempt at co-operation came the various Pools with the success known to you all and the consequent great improvement in the farmer's position.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the falling off in membership and the difficulty in keeping interest alive in our Locals are largely caused by the feeling that as our Pools are handling our business, this leaves little for our membership to do, and to remedy this situation and build up the strength of the organization, we respectfully submit the following suggestions for your consideration.

That we publish in *The U.F.A.* a request to Locals to write in their experiences along the line of local co-operative endeavor in their Locals.

That we request all Locals who are engaged in co-operative buying to get in touch with Central with a view to having Central assist in getting the Locals in any locality or district in touch with one another to facilitate pooling where possible.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. MacLACHLAN,
J. V. MACKLIN,
J. E. BROWN.

NEW POOL ELEVATOR

F. C. Miller opened the new Pool elevator No. 2 at Arrowwood on November 1st and took in over one hundred loads and more than 10,000 bushels. This elevator has capacity for 40,000 bushels in its 21 bins. It is equipped with motor head electric drive. The Pool members of the district are well pleased with this new elevator. Most of them are holding their wheat in bins in order to secure the 2c for storage.

Labor Congratulates Farmers on Their Achievements

Congratulations to the farmers of this country upon the success which they have achieved through organization, and the best wishes of organized labor for continued progress were expressed in a resolution unanimously adopted by the Fifth Annual Convention of the Alberta Section of the Canadian Labor party, held in Calgary from November 10th to 12th.

The resolution in which the labor body defined its attitude toward the farmers' movement, was in the following terms:

That we congratulate the farmers of the country upon the establishment of their different co-operative undertakings, and especially upon that splendid organization, the Wheat Pool. We congratulate them upon the good already accomplished through these organizations by stabilizing prices for farm products and securing better conditions generally for those engaged in farming. We urge the importance of maintaining these organizations already established, and hope they extend their endeavors to other lines and that their power and influence will be increased.

Farmers and Co-operative Commonwealth

Speaking as fraternal delegate from the U.F.A., at a meeting held in conjunction with the Labor Party Convention on

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The Romantic Story of Ontario's Successful Experiment in Public Ownership of Power

A British Member of Parliament on the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

By THOMAS JOHNSTON, M.P.

Two of the most hopeful developments in Canadian economic life, in the opinion of Thomas Johnston, M.P., a member of the front opposition bench in the British House of Commons who recently visited Canada as a member of the Empire Parliamentary Association, are the creation of the Wheat Pool and the growth of public ownership in the field of power development.

Mr. Johnston, who is the editor of *Glasgow Forward*, gave first place in his paper to an article on the Wheat Pool, which he described as "The World's Greatest Experiment in Co-operation."

His second article, printed the following week, dealt with hydro-electric in Canada. It is printed, almost in full, below.

It has been suggested by some conservatives that power development by the Province could not be profitable because our population is sparse. Private interests, which are busily grabbing franchises, however, think ownership will be profitable to *them*, and they are undoubtedly guided by expert opinion. —Editor.

Last week I wrote upon the great co-operative Wheat Pool in Western Canada through which the farmers are securing a livelihood free from the costs and follies of the middleman system of marketing. And now this week I should like to explain the salient features and the results of the largest publicly owned industrial commercial enterprise in the world—the Hydro Electric-Power enterprise in Ontario, owned by a Government appointed Commission, which organizes the supplies of electricity from the Canadian side of the Niagara Falls.

On the Canadian side of the Falls the electricity is under public ownership; on the American side of the same Falls the electricity is under private ownership and is sold for private profit, with what amazingly diverse results we shall see in a moment.

Adam Beck's Struggle

But meantime a word upon the origin and history of the Commission!

At the beginning of the century, private concessionaires had secured the right to exploit the water power on the Canadian side of Niagara. They had even secured, in some instances, power to tear up a city's streets without so much as "by your leave" of the City Fathers. Few of the concession companies published standard rates for the electricity they sold; they simply charged each individual consumer what they thought that consumer would or could pay. The whole business was chaotic, corrupt, stupid.

In June 1902 a conference of municipal representatives was held at the City of Berlin, Ontario (the name of the city was changed during the war to Kitchener) and the leading spirit was Mayor Adam Beck, of London, Ontario. It was Adam Beck, later Sir Adam Beck, who was destined to drive the profiteers out of what might have been a stranglehold upon industry and manufacture in the Province of Ontario. A prolonged agitation backed by the progressive municipalities, attacked the concession system and demanded public ownership, and when (this is specially noteworthy!) the Conservative Party in Ontario secured office in 1905, the Premier, Sir James Whitney, took Adam Beck into his Cabinet and at once repudiated agreements which his predecessors in office had been arranging with other private concession hunters.

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission to arrange a supply of publicly owned power and light was set up in May, 1906. There were three members, Adam Beck, chairman; the Hon. J. S. Hendrie, afterwards Lieut.-Governor, and Mr. C. B. Smith, civil engineer. Other men have since rendered splendid service on the Commission.

Their names may be found in Mr. E. B. Biggar's volume "Hydro Electric Development in Ontario." Bigger Press, Ltd., Toronto. A splendid exposition of the success of public ownership.

And let me say this: It may interest Lord Birkenhead and a venal press which corruptly spreads the lie that public service is inadequately paid at £5000 a year. Sir Adam Beck and the Commission for 12 years refused to accept a cent of salary. And even today with their huge responsibilities, the chairman has only a salary of $6000 (or £1200) and the other two Commissioners $4000 (or £800) each. They feel they are paid in public honour, respect and esteem; they perform a public service, and their great reward is the consciousness that they are chosen by the nation to do it.

But it is only fair to say that the initiation of the scheme was due to men who called themselves Conservatives. At any rate they were in savage opposition to the hardfaced individualist Liberal Party which they had displaced, and who had been very generous in handing away public rights in water power.

The new Commission had the Government funds behind it, but it could not engage in any fresh construction without an order-in-council from the Provincial Government. At first it bought in bulk from existing Companies and retailed the power to municipalities. Then it proceeded to buy up company after company—the Electric Power Company System alone, when bought up, had 22 subsidiary companies—until now between purchase and new construction the Commission has the largest electrical generating and distributing system in the world, providing today 550,000 horse-power and with a possible provision of a total power supply of 1,400,000 horse-power.

This year it contracts to supply power and light to over 300 municipalities who distribute in their own areas the light and power which they purchase in bulk from the Hydro Commission.

The Commission in 1928 had an invested capital of over 204 million dollars (or say 41 million £) and the Municipalities had invested 81 million dollars (or 16 million £) in their distributary systems. That briefly and roughly is the system—really government ownership and operation, through a Public Commission, of the business of production and main lines transmission; and purchase and distribution from that Public Commission by municipalities.

Public ownership from first to last.

And now let us see what are the results.

Story of International Bridge

I call as first witness Mr. Judson King, an American official investigator, whose report was issued by the American Government Printing Office, Washington, in 1924. Look at this (pp. 14 and 15):—

"As I started out to see the great Chippewa Canal and went around the famous Falls, I passed the International Railway Bridge over the Niagara River. The cost of lighting this bridge is another interesting study in efficiency. The west, or Canadian side, is lighted by the hydro people; the east, or American half, by a New York company. The same number of lights, the same bridge, the same river, the same method of production, average monthly cost for 1924 on the Canadian side $8.42, and on the American side $43.10.

"I have the bill of Appleton and Co., dry goods men, in the little city of Galt out near the centre of the Province. In the month of July last they used 812 kilowatt hours, and it cost them $7.82. When I reached California, which Secretary Hoover praises as having the cheapest power anywhere, I set experts to work and found that in a town of similar size, San Jose, Mr. Appleton would have paid $25.44 for this service. In Alhambra it would have cost $28. In Washington, D.C., $27.33. And still more in New York and New England.

"The town of Galt—population 12,000—has several small factories which save money. The city fathers save money on the city bills for lighting, etc. In fact I had it figured out by an expert, and it appears that all of the consumers in Galt have saved, in the last seven years, some $3,089,902 by reason of the courage and vision of the hydro people. But it was nestling to a patriotic American when they

Father of Ontario Hydro-Electric

THE LATE SIR ADAM BECK

sympathised with me over what I had to pay in Washington.

"The Labour Temple at Toronto is on the commercial schedule. The Secretary showed me bills for lighting the temple which told the same story as the others. For example this:—

Cost of Lighting Labour Temple

"February to June, 1911 (before hydro) 5 months, total, $467.91.

"February to June, 1922 (under hydro) 5 months, total, $179.94.

"They commented on the fact that working men were rapidly putting electricity in their homes, cooking and all, and that the enterprising businesslike promoters of hydro in their city, were installing a cooking range at reduced prices and letting them pay on the instalment plan.

On Ontario Farms

"These enterprising managers have even promoted their business among farmers. Ten thousand farmers now light their homes and their barns, milk cows, pump water, saw wood, thresh, and their women wash, iron, bake, sweep, and all that just like rich city folks. It varies, of course, but 20 per cent do their cooking. Also many are putting in bath and toilet rooms. Most of them pay around 4 to 6 cents per kilowatt hour, which is *half what American city folks pay.* A special engineer, Mr. Parcell, is in charge of the 'extension work' among farmers, and is making it pay.

"The Canadians in Ontario are serving a larger proportion of their public than we are of ours. *We are losing business to them.* Our boards of trade, city clubs, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs should take note; especially should business go-getters, real estate promoters, and advertising firms take alarm.

"To attract home seekers to any city think of the pulling power of an 'ad.' such as Toronto can use today, like this:

"'Buy a home in Toronto. Do your housework with electricity. One cent will run an electric iron 1 hour, washing machine 2 hours, vacuum sweeper 3 hours. Cooking rate, nine-tenths of 1 per cent per kilowatt, house lighting, 2.2 per kilowatt; rates are going down every year. Come to Toronto, city of efficiency.'

"Such an 'ad,' appeals to human nature—especially to human nature in the United States. A page of it in the *Saturday Evening Post* would startle the country, get a million women talking, and immigration would set towards such a city.

"These Canadians are doing it. The Hamilton, Ontario, *Spectator*, on September last issued an enormous special edition cracking up 'hydro' and carrying ads. from cities and towns over eastern Ontario boasting about low 'power rates' to trap manufacturers; cheap 'domestic' and 'commercial' rates to lure business men and home seekers. They brag about 'dependability' of service; that rates are not 'jumped.' And they make good. Distressing, but true. Ontario is growing in population and manufacturing. Hydro bonds are top notch on the New York Stock Exchange. Business men, big and little, are solidly back of the system. The promoters who had the vision and courage to start it are popular captains of industry, needing no detectives to guard them."

Comparisons with Private Enterprise

At Windsor, Ontario, 250 miles from Niagara, power is sold at 40 per cent lower rates than the American manufacturers are able to buy it from Private Enterprise in Detroit, just across the river boundary.

Present Chairman of Ontario Hydro-Electric

C. A. MAGRATH

At Ottawa, the Commission was able to reduce the lighting charges under Private Enterprise of 15 cents per kilo. hour to 7½ cents per kilo. hour under Public Enterprise.

At St. Thomas (120 miles from Niagara) and Galt (89 miles from Niagara) the rates for lighting and power are one-half those paid in Buffalo (U.S.A.), which gets its power through a private corporation only 18 miles away.

The rates charged by the Commission to the Municipalities are the net annual costs after allowing for reserve and sinking funds. Almost every year the costs are being reduced, and some 65 municipalities out of reduced costs alone, have laid past sufficient funds to wipe out all their capital debt on municipal electricity.

Senator George W. Norris, of America, (quoted in the *Toronto Daily Star*, 13th August, 1928) declares that the Canadian publicly owned system "*Serves more than 1,000,000 customers at less than one-third the rate charged by private companies on the American side.*"

Here are two systems operating, one on each side of an imaginary line, drawing their power from the same rush of water, and yet one of the systems supplies its current at one-third of the price charged by the other system.

The cheaper system is the system of public ownership. On the Canadian side it is 2 cents; on the Yankee Private Corporation side it is 6 cents. What is the answer of Tory capitalist apologists to that?

I was told—although I could not personally examine the records on the subject—that some of the American companies were sucking up huge profits for their shareholders.

One American company's shares of 100 dollars denomination are now standing, as a result of successive "waterings", at 1700 dollars.

On the other hand, despite the repeated reductions in price, the Commission balance sheets show large annual surpluses which are of course the property of the public. Last year the net surplus after providing for interest, reserve funds, etc., was $534,198, or over £100,000. And the Municipalities, again despite continual reductions in the price at which they sell the current, showed last year a net surplus of $1,261,896 after allowing for interest depreciation.(*)

What Happened at Hamilton

All this of course was not secured without the expected struggle against desperate vested interests. Here, for instance, is the story of what occurred in the city of Hamilton, Ontario, as related by Mr. Biggar, to whose authoritative volume I have already referred.

"When the Commission came into the field, the citizens of Hamilton were paying ten cents per kilowatt hour, the commercial users fifteen cents per kilowatt hour, besides a meter charge, and the city was charged $84 per year for each arc lamp. No reduction was made till tenders were asked from the Commission, which estimated the cost of arc lamps at $43 a year. Then the company dropped the price to $47 a year, but fixed a five-year contract with the city. Later the city asked tenders for power for pumping and sewage, and when the Commission's tender was found to be $17.50, compared with $45 from the company, the latter came back with an offer to supply any municipality with service at ten per cent below the rates of the Commission, whatever those rates might be. The logic of this experience was not lost upon the citizens of Hamilton and in 1911 it was decided by vote of the ratepayers that when the contract with the company expired the city would get its power from the Commission and own its own distribution system. The sum of $500,000 was voted for the purpose, and in the face of injunctions and other legal actions designed to thwart the new policy the city hydro system was adopted in January, 1912. It began operations in 1913 with only five customers of all classes; now it has 15,450 customers for domestic lighting, 16,604 customers in the commercial class, and 530 customers for electric power.

"In 1913 the Commission's charge for power in Hamilton was $17 per annum; now it is $14, and the rates for house lighting average a little less than 1 1-3 cents per kilowatt hour, with no meter charge compared with 8 cents, plus 25 cents a month meter rent, which was charged by the private company just before the Commission's system was established."

And that story of Hamilton is the story of a hundred Canadian cities and towns.

U.S. Manufacturers Cross Border

Electricity in Ontario has become so cheap that some American manufacturers have shifted their works over to the Canadian side to get the benefit of it (though possibly in some of these instances the desire to get the preference in the British market may have been a contributory factor).

As to the facts, there is no doubt whatever, and the present Conservative Prime Minister of Ontario, Mr. Ferguson, openly and publicly boasts that "Socialist electricity in his State beats anything in the World." The vested interests have long given up the struggle and publicly owned electricity is now as generally accepted as are publicly owned highways. Adam Beck is dead, his work lives.

(*)Twentieth Annual Report of the Hydro Electric Power Commission, pp. ix. and x.

Young Lady—Your novel has a charming ending.

Author—What do you think of the opening chapters?

Young Lady—I have not got to them yet!—*Nerry Mapsaw.*

Resolutions for U.F.A. Annual Convention Deal With Important Questions of Policy

A Survey of Resolutions Presented for Consideration of Locals—Make Your Local Fully Representative of Your Community and So Give Maximum Value to Your Local's Recommendations.

Commencing with the current issue, a survey of resolutions which will come before the Annual Convention in January will be published in *The U.F.A.* from issue to issue. It will be as complete as possible and in each issue a number of resolutions dealing with Provincial, Federal and Organizational matters will be printed in full or in summary, in order that Locals may be presented with a variety of topics for discussion.

Local meetings are now being resumed throughout the Province. Two important matters will claim the attention of the organization in all its branches during the remainder of the year—the effort to bring the membership up to strength, and the consideration of the resolutions to come before the Annual Convention.

In order that the discussions and the decisions of the forthcoming Convention may have the highest possible value it is desirable that every Local meeting should be representative of the farming community as a whole in the district in which the Local is situated. To this end, many Locals are already carrying on aggressive membership campaigns.

The resolutions already submitted, and those which may be sent in from time to time through the proper channels, will provide subject matter for many interesting discussions. It is suggested that a great part of the Local programs should be devoted to these matters.

Resolutions which have been submitted to Federal and Provincial and District Associations, and adopted by these branches of the organization, will be given preference on the program of the Convention over those which have been passed by Locals alone. All Locals, therefore, are requested to make an effort to submit their most important resolutions to the conventions of these larger branches of the Association, wherever this can be done. In many cases, however, the annual conventions of constituency associations have already been held.

Any Locals, therefore, which have resolutions which they wish to have brought before the Annual Convention of the Association, but which cannot be submitted to a district or constituency association owing to the constituency convention's having already been held, may send in their resolutions to Central Office, when they will be submitted to the Board meeting which takes place prior to the Convention in January. The constitution provides that:

"The Central Board shall meet prior to the Convention to deal with resolutions intended to be submitted to the Convention. They shall have power to give precedence to resolutions according to their relative importance, and where two or more resolutions are submitted on the same subject, they may offer a consolidated resolution instead."

A partial list of resolutions which will come before the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta in January, is given below:

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Public Ownership Hydro-Electric

Whereas we believe that the question of hydro-electric power is of the greatest importance to the future life and welfare of the people of the Province and particularly those who live in rural parts, and,

Whereas we view with alarm the fact that powerful influences are at work to get control of the power sources, and,

Whereas it is eminently desirable that this utility should be conserved in the best interests of the people as a whole, and not permitted to be exploited by private interests,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Provincial Government be urged to take certain and determined action towards the development of hydro-electric power with as little delay as possible, and,

Be it further resolved that we ask the U.F.A. organizations throughout the Province to stand firmly behind the establishment of hydro-electric as a public utility in this Province.—Camrose Provincial C. A.

Provincial Power Rights

As considerable commotion is at present being created by the efforts of private enterprise in the development of light and power in Alberta;

Therefore be it resolved, that our Federal members be instructed to make every effort possible to conserve all water and mineral power rights to be developed in the interests of the people;

Further, that private companies now holding development privileges should at any time be prepared to return such privileges to the Government when such Government is prepared to develop them.—Camrose Federal C. A.

Public Ownership of Highways

In view of the adherence of the U.F.A. to the principle of public ownership of public utilities, and

In view of the fact that departure from this principle in so important a public utility as highway construction would seriously prejudice our position in respect to the policy of public ownership;

Therefore be it resolved, that this convention is of the opinion that the Provincial Legislature of Alberta should not relinquish its responsibility in this matter and that the "Trackways" bill should not be allowed to pass.—Mundhills Provincial C. A.

Road Building Policy

Be it resolved, that we endorse the policy of the Provincial Government in carrying out an adequate road building program to be paid for out of current taxation and revenues and that we are opposed to the borrowing of any large sums of money for this purpose.—Bow River Federal C. A.

NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL

State Life Insurance

Whereas, life insurance has become so general that the Nation may be said to be interested directly in the business, and,

Whereas, private companies operating for profit have so accumulated profits and control of credit that they may be said to be able to influence the bond markets, and

Whereas, the business of insuring life has been shown to be one carrying little risk;

Therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this Convention the public interest will best be served if life insuring is done at cost; that it is no longer safe to leave such great credit control in the hands of private persons and that the Governments, both Provincial and Federal, should investigate at once the advisability of instituting a system of State Life Insurance.—Bow River Federal C. A.

Credit Reform

Whereas, our Western members have consistently fought for better control of National Credit on a more equitable basis;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we insistently urge continued effort along this line with a view to evolving some system that will better safeguard the rights of the people in the realm of Finance.—Camrose Federal C. A.

Immigration

Whereas, large sums are now being spent on immigration schemes which are largely futile, while Canada is losing her native population largely through economic causes and preventable mortality;

Therefore, resolved that we urge:

1. That a portion of the money now being expended on immigration be used in the extension of such health activities as will make impossible the appalling and disgraceful child and mother mortality rate of the Dominion.

2. That we endorse the recommendation of the Committee on Immigration and Colonization, asking that the same aid be extended to Canadians by the Canadian Government as is now extended by the British Government to British immigrant boys.

3. That we protest most strongly against misrepresentations of conditions in Canada by the railways and other immigration agencies, and urge that the Federal Government be responsible for all immigration activities.—Camrose Federal C. A.

National Debt

Whereas, we believe the time is now ripe for systematic annual reduction of the National Debt;

Be it resolved, that we ask the Dominion Government to consider the advisability of paying the National Debt by the amortization plan, whereby by the payment annually of one per cent of the principal together with the interest, the

Natural Resources

Natural Resources Transferred to Province

Coal Industry

Government Grain Inspection Act

Provincial Wards

Provincial Aid

Provincial Wards as Local Units

Provincial Wards

Gas Tax

Tax on Wheat Exportation

Wood Control

Unemployment Relief Tax

Co-operation Marketing

Conference of U.F.A. Locals

Unemployment Agreements

Encouraging Manufacturing

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Co-Operation

Field Organizers

The Consumers' Co-operative Movement

Co-operative Wholesale Society (Consumers' Societies in Scotland)

A Page from Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society's Annual Report

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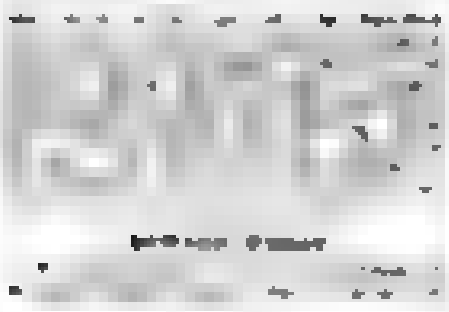
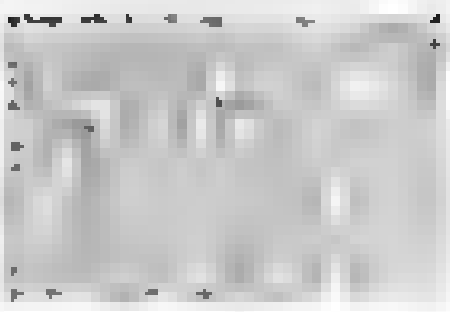
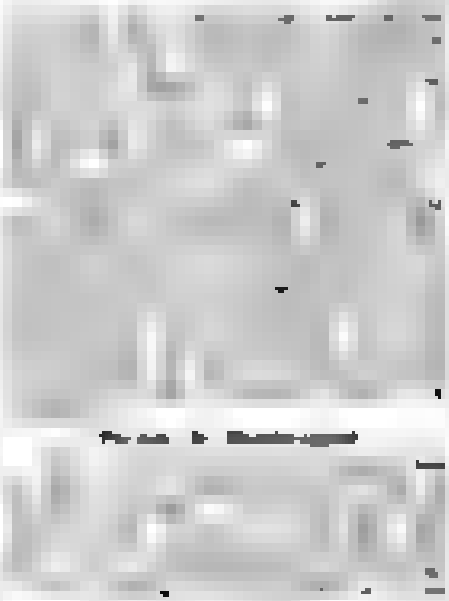
News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

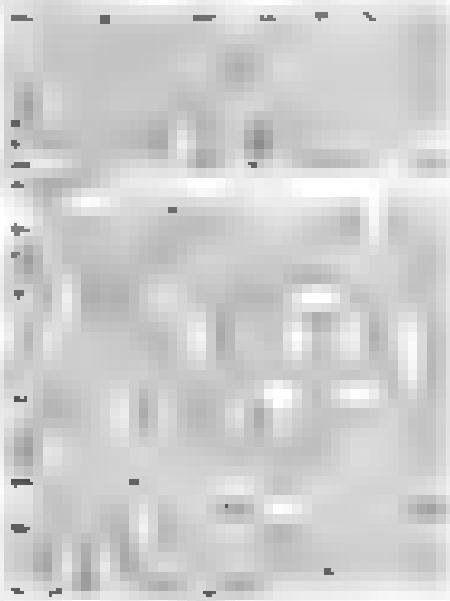
News & Views





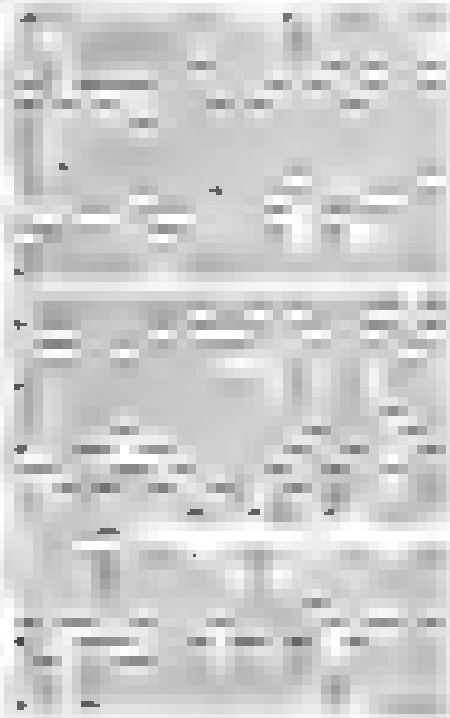
Co-ops Are Needed for Farm Stability





Co-operation Continued

Grain Men Explore Co-op Discussion



Annual Pool Meeting

Fighting for the Producer

Bureau on Present Price

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TOBACCO MEN PLAN NEW POOL

The wreck of marketing tobacco with out a pool has apparently enlightened the growers in the districts built but they made a big mistake in abandoning their old association, and the first steps toward reviving the co-operative organization were taken at a recent mass meeting of more than 400 farmers and business men at Florence, S.C.

With agreement for a pool said to be stronger than ever before an organization committee was instructed to begin the signing of members on a fifty-year basis. So with the pool of 60 per cent of the acreage in Virginia and other neighboring states will be the goal.

Considerable sentiment will be sought for the new pool in the form of a five-cent per pound tax on all tobacco sold over the old-time sale and floors after the new association begins operations.

Story Is Short

The story of what happened after the dissolution of the old pool can be told in two words—lower prices. In 1926, the year after the pool closed, a fair average price both in the markets for good bright flue-cured was said at less than half this figure in unsettled conditions. And this year, with a large crop and poor quality, the price has improved to a point that makes it more profitable to grow the finest grades for smoking.

Quite a different picture is presented by the tobacco growers of Wisconsin over the same period of time. Enrolled at along lower prices the Wisconsin growers apparently prospered through the efforts of their pool and a reduction in the number of the growers serving eleven cooperatives has helped the planters to the new form organization through co-operation.

NOT AXE COLD CO-OPERATORS

The persons who are the most notable and worry among efforts at co-operation for the old associations and are usually the most inefficient, has ever crept to be significant, are the members who are all-in business for profiteering and selfish, and then become morally indifferent or actually antagonistic the very scheme in the farmers' interest.

It is the influence in the community of such persons among the "old" years that menaces co-operation. Granting this, here is probably in the world a better position to curb the menace than the loyal veteran year-out hunting co-operators who have found that the true test of loyalty to co-operation is not only in continuous delivery of their product to the co-operative association for sale but active missionary work among neighbors who have allowed themselves to become misled by their own looking at the working of others.

The future of co-operation is in the hands of such loyal members just as much as it is in the hands of efficient managers.

DEPORTATIONS FROM N. AMERICA

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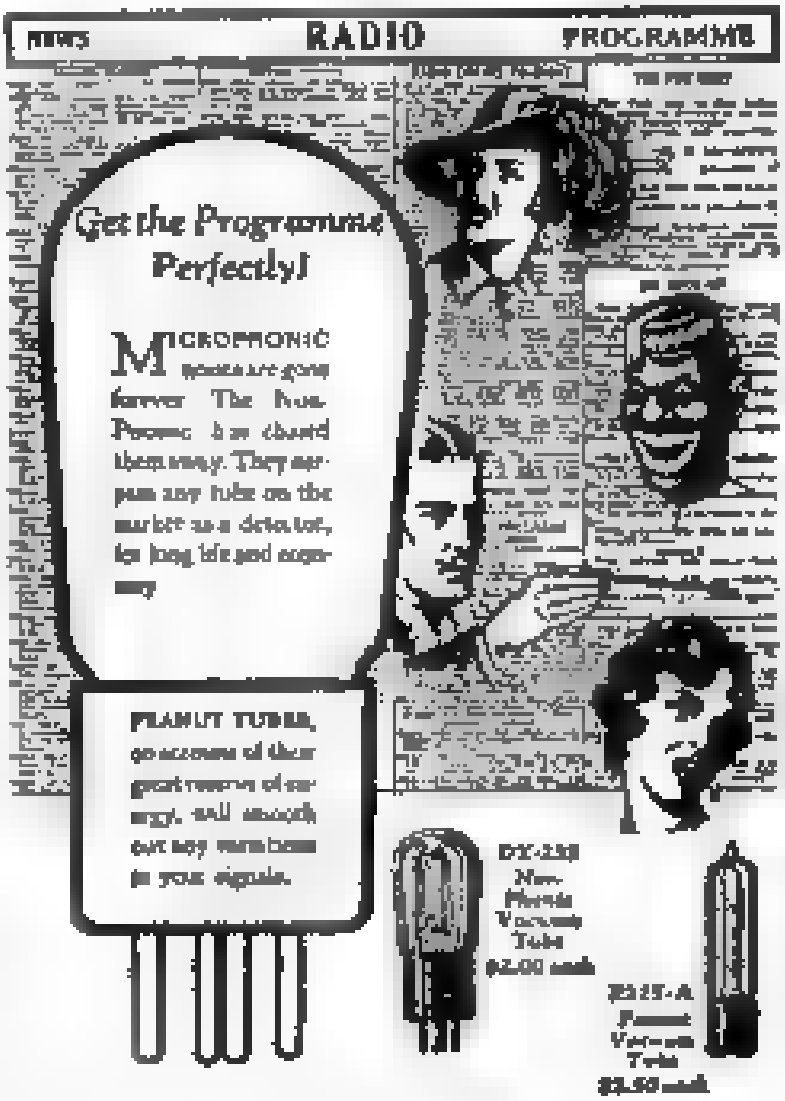
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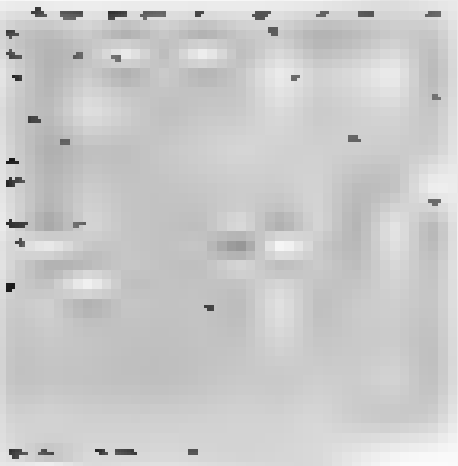

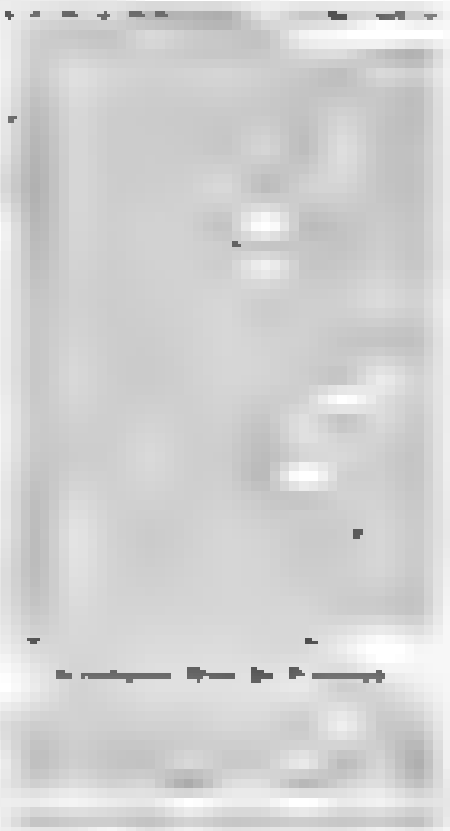

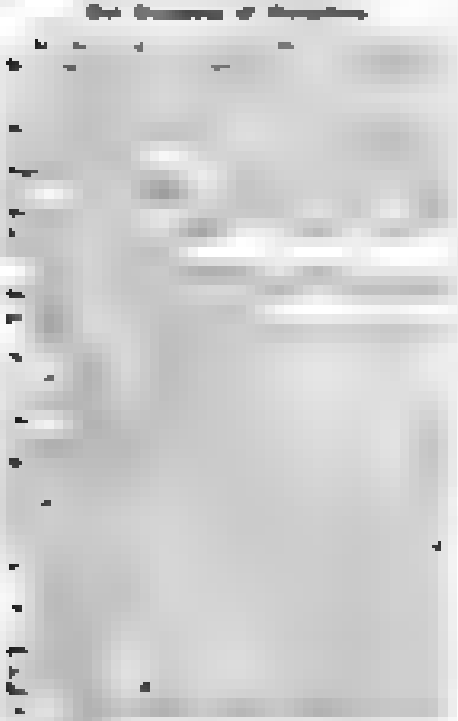

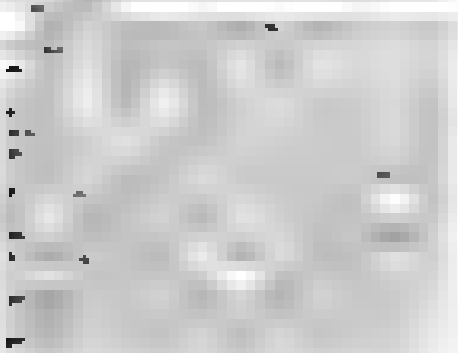

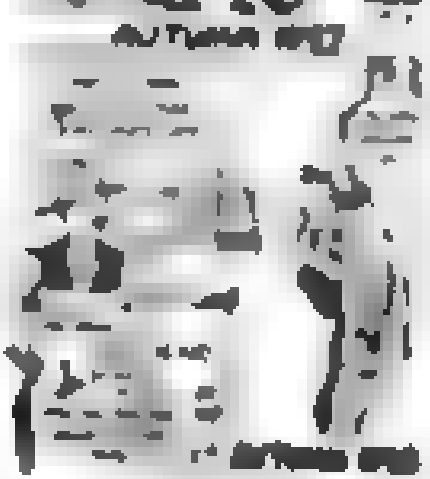

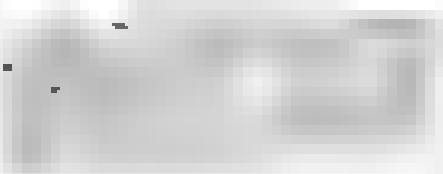

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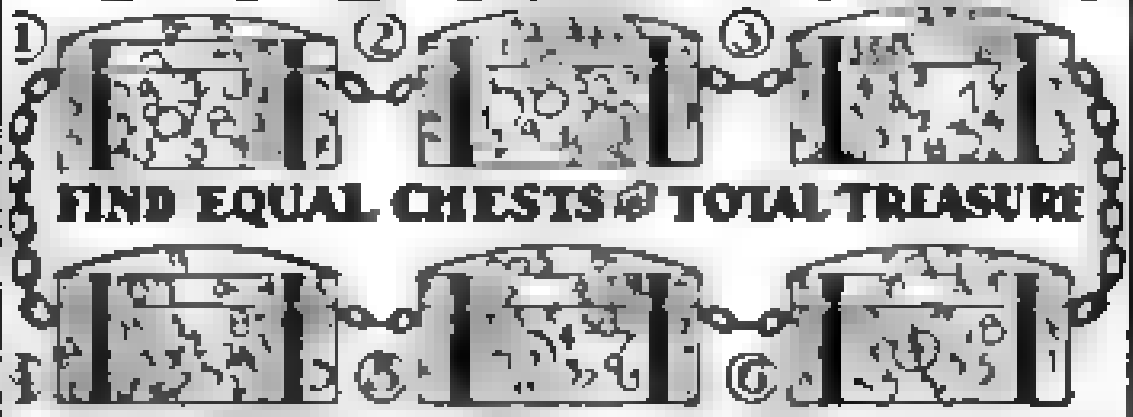

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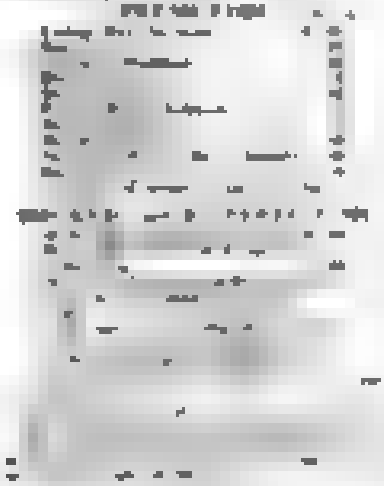

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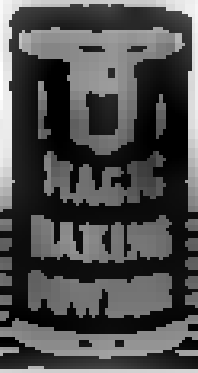

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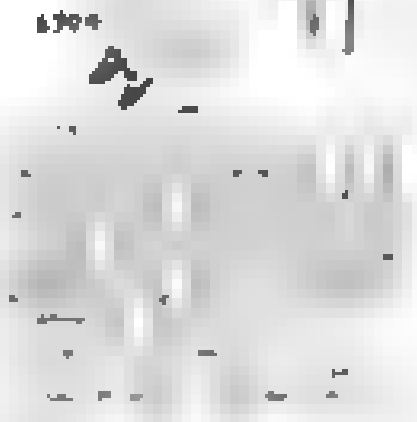

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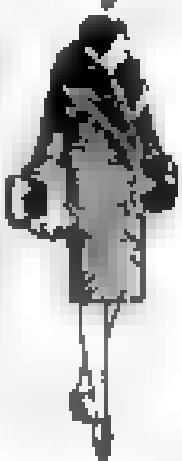

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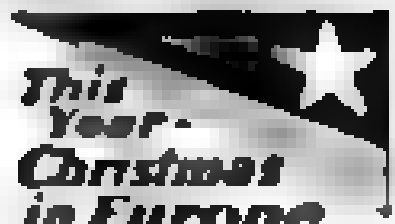

This Year - Christmas in Europe

WHITE STAR-RED CANADIAN SERVICE

Get the Genuine

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U. F. A. Junior Activities

Why You Should Read History

and the posts for the fence set. When this work was completed and the business of the meeting attended to, a program was given. Six dollars and seventy-five cents was collected for the supper and money made in store. The meeting was one of the best we have ever held I believe" writes the Secretary, Elmer Calkins.

JUNIORS AND THE COOK BOOK

It is announced elsewhere that the U. F. A. "Cook Book" in which so many of our Juniors' contributed recipes is now ready for distribution. The books are beautifully bound in red with white cover with blue lettering and will make wonderful Christmas presents. The price of 50 cents cover and the "Free" is given a commission of five cents on books sold through each Local. Get your members canvass the district and see how much you can add to the Juniors' treasury through the sale of these cook books. And be sure and have your orders in early.

COMPLETE PLANS FOR PARTY

Final arrangements for the Masquerade Party being held by the Stanmore Juniors were made at the last meeting. Each family will donate a cake and some sandwiches so there will be no other charge. Mrs. Bureau and Miss Amy Adams were chosen as the committee to take charge of the program. Miss M. Cline is offering a prize for the best costume. After the meeting the young people were shown how to do an old fashioned dance and rehearsed the two dances previously.

BONNYDALE LOCAL ORGANIZED

Bellpot has got quite in the of a locally organized ... at on Ba Ba River. There are sixteen member ... and Miss Florence M. ... elive of Grassy Lake is Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Annie Strathcraig, of Ba Ba ... ver as the place. We take great pleasure in ... Bellpot local into our organization and ... them every success in future. U. F. A. ... ority.

"SUPERANNUATED"

If the stampede of citizens to identify themselves with one of the other of the flying examinations on this ... continues at its present rate we may witness shortly the supersession of the old saying about an honest citizen's motto ... always keeps one foot on the ground. Some of the outstanding and most wide awake policemen and business men of the city have announced their intention to get both feet off the ground as soon as the Moth planes are ... Wings" in Aviation Issue, Calgary Herald.

HOW HE GOT EVEN

In a Parisian resort a man had been charged with using insulting language.

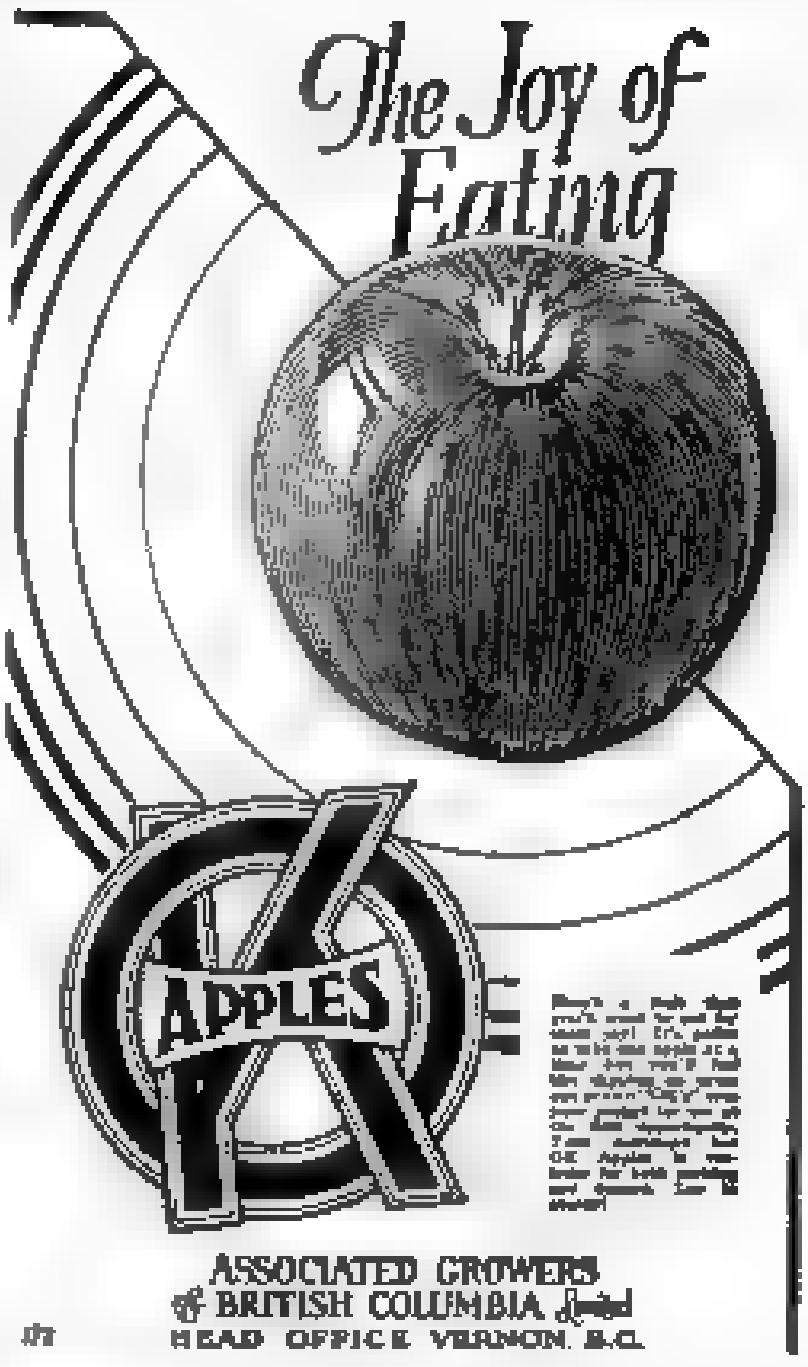
"You mean to say that ... is wrong to call a policeman a jackass?" asked the offender.

"It certainly is," said the magistrate, "and a ... he let off you should fine you five shillings."

The man paid the money, and then turning to the bench asked: "Is it ... hard to ... a jackass a policeman?"

"No!" snapped the magistrate ... promptly taken off his guard.

"Good-bye, policeman," said the man, and promptly left the court.



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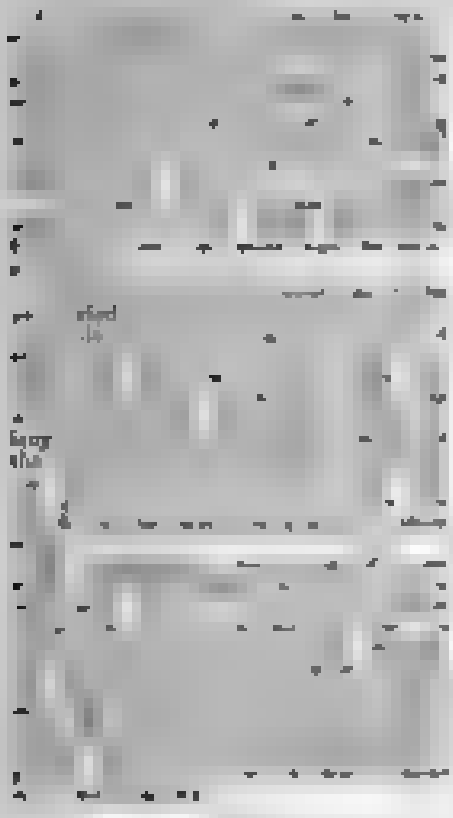

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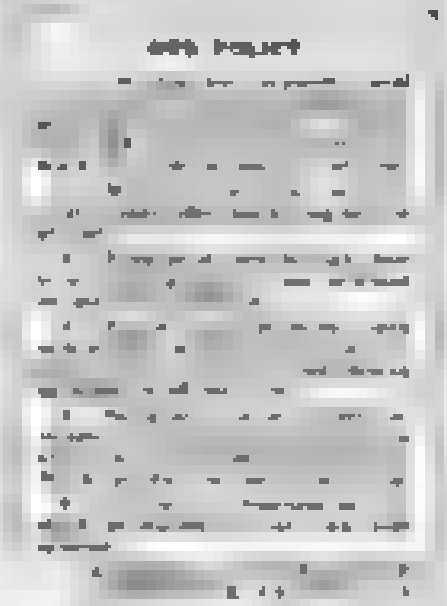

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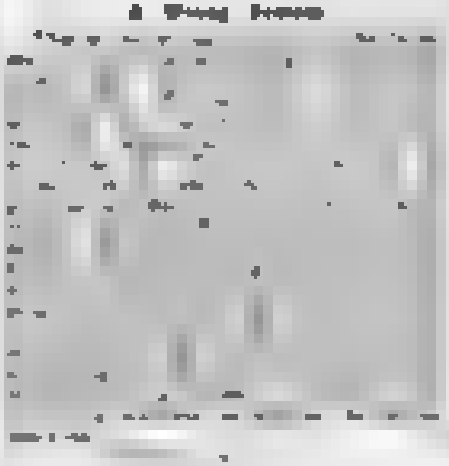

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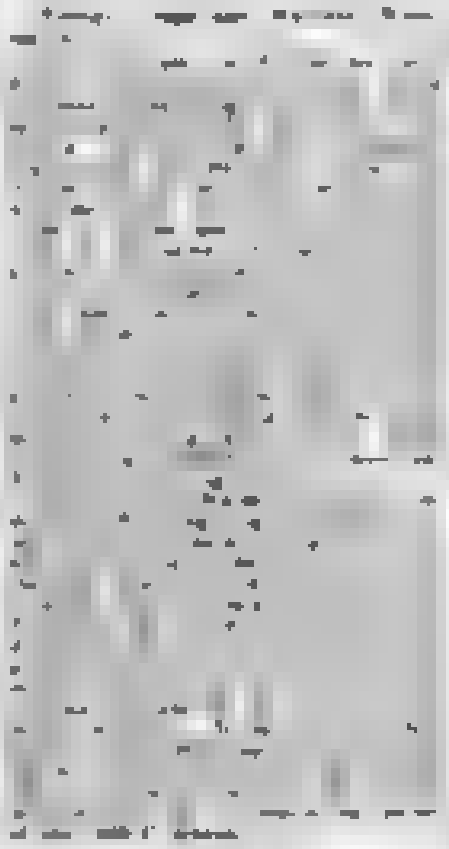

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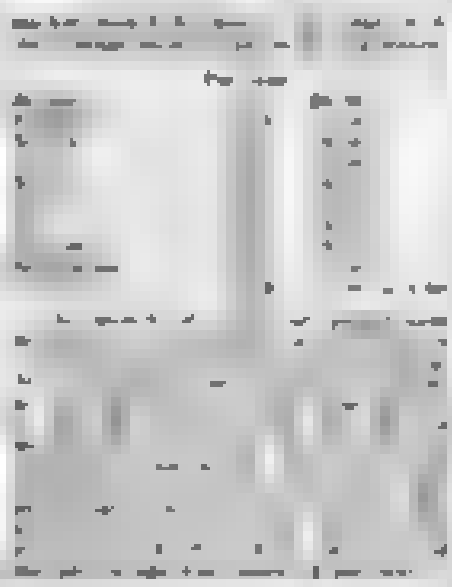

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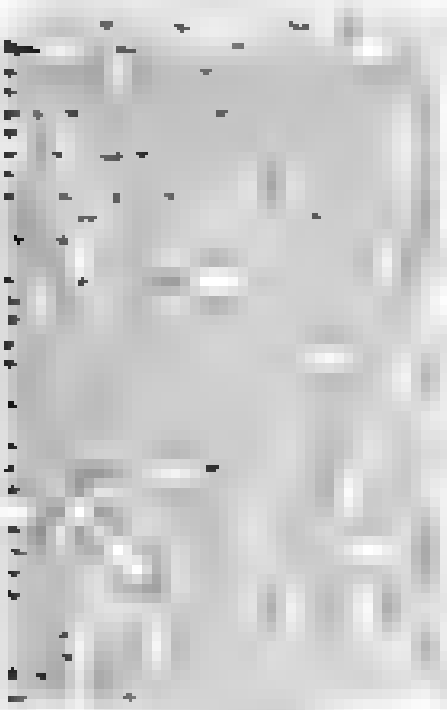

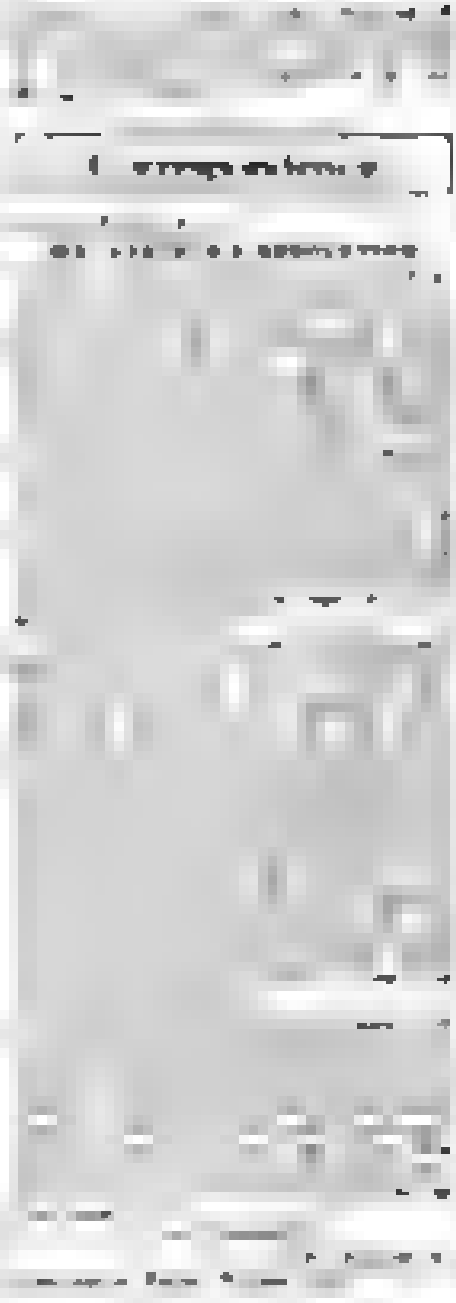

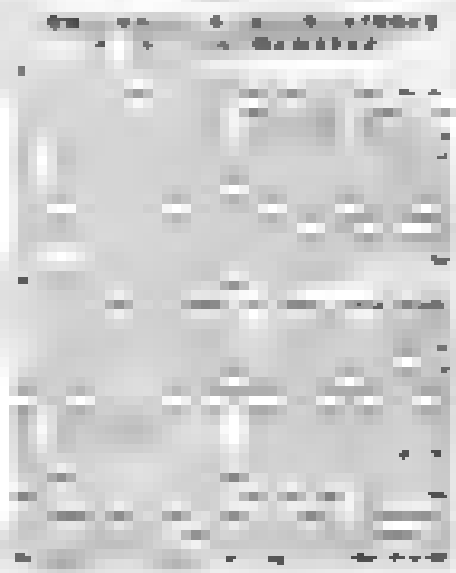

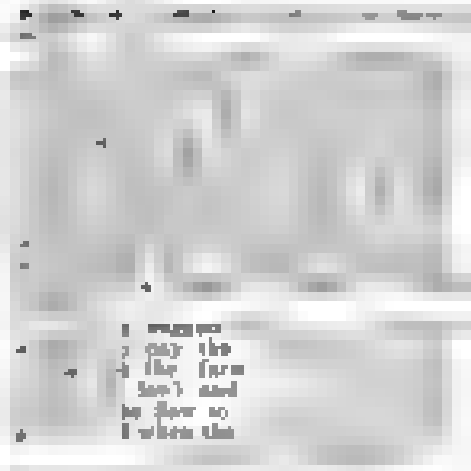

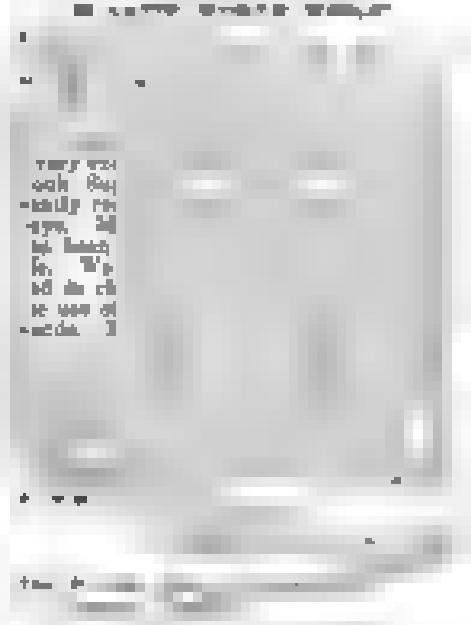

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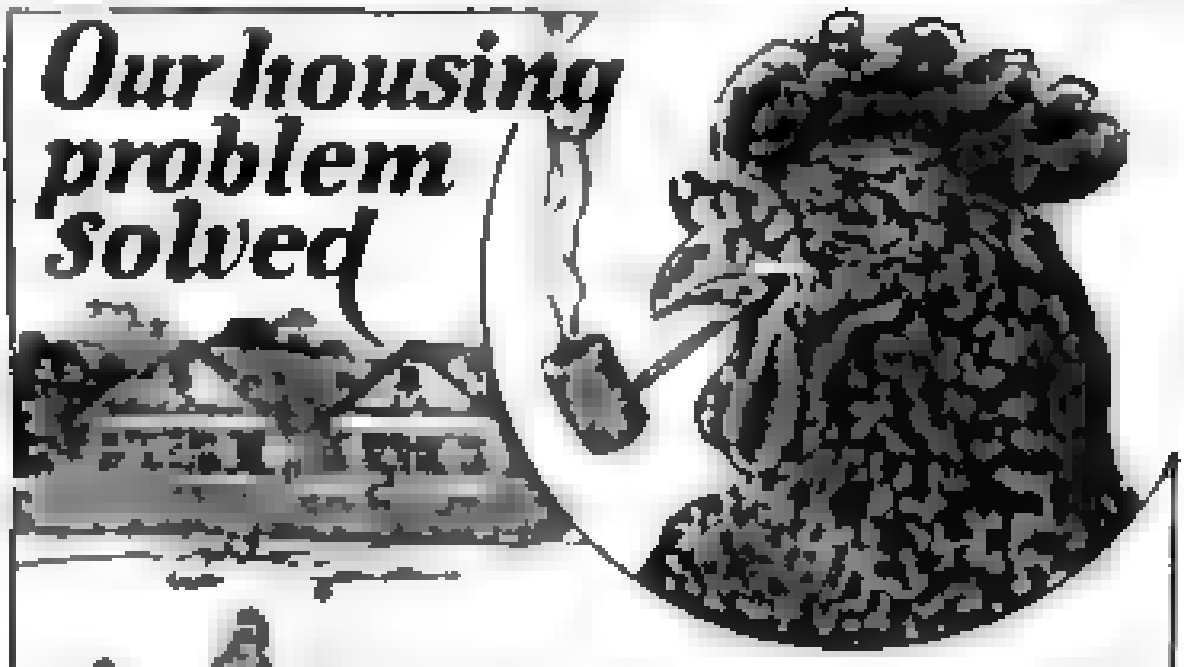

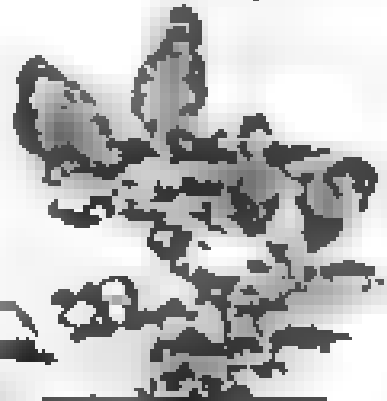

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picked my crabapples, which had been ripe for over a week. Too busy being so busy harvesting for one thing and as these ripe yellow and red apples looked so beautiful among the green leaves, I almost hated to pick them off.

On looking over the yellow and red Siberian crabs, and the various Western Hybrids given I was agreeably surprised to find not a blemish on one. On some of the big Transcendent apples there was a slight blemish on the skin, but not on all of them, and while they may not have kept as well by using them right away they made us good jelly and preserves as in any other year.

What effect the frost may have had on the Hibernal, Duchess and Wealthy apples I cannot say as there were no fruit on them this year.

Aged Prune Tree

As to the plums, found up the Manitoulin Native plums were in good condition if any change they had improved by the frost.

The Pego, Greta plums and Tom Thumb cherries had received no damage from the frost. The Opata plums are supposed to stand 6 degrees of frost without injury and I think we will stand much more. The big Jewel plums which were not quite ripe when the frost came showed dark spots on the skin to some of them. But when they ripened and I tasted them all the preserves and you could not tell the difference from any other year. However, did have three plum trees with late plums but these had been bothered to open just long enough, nearly every year to freeze. Plums as late as these are no good for this country and should be left alone. Unfortunately I have cut the tops of them and hence can not give help on that.

JOHN CLARKE K.

Mile, Alta.

WHEAT GRADING

Editor The U.F.A.

So the many arguments and speeches on the grading and testing of wheat. I have got down to say at present that we are not getting quite enough for our four grades of wheat.

I have asked the reason and I've want to know so I beg to offer a solution of the problem.

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Now I call that pretty soft business on our part. We might not get a car to drown John's pork out of a bunch of pigs for market and why he [illegible] especially as it is known that he wanted to get out here to help sell all inferior stuff from the United States.

We would say "If you want our best you have got to take the others with them."

He might retaliate previous. But we couldn't entertain the idea, knowing that the greater stuff comprised three-fourths of the shipment.

Start away with the wheat. The crop for the past two years has got us-pegged better than Tough 3, there selling below that grade than above it.

But we have got to remember that in a No. 4 rough grade for instance, eighty bushels out of every hundred can be

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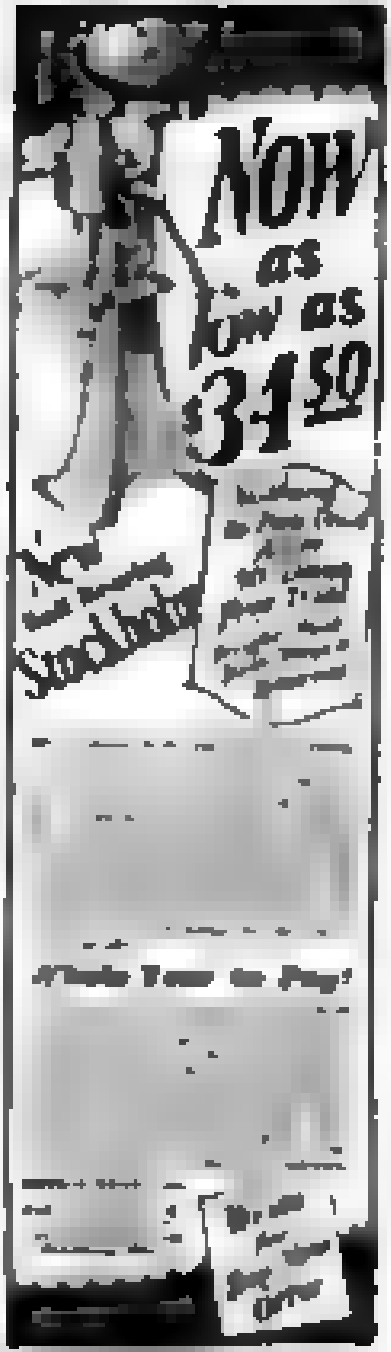

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expressing their objectives and purposes might differ yet neither be farther apart when reaching some international order based upon competition. Neither the farmers nor labor could solve their problems except by the substitution of co-operation for competition in the field of industry. Both the U.F.A. and the labor group had as their objective the attainment of a co-operative commonwealth.

Mr. Scheffelbeil stated the same close co-operation existed between the U.F.A. and labor in Alberta as an illustration of the way in which these two great economic groups could help one another.

Wheat Divided as Great Issue

In the course of an address by Mr. Woodsworth, M.P. leader of the labor group at Ottawa, he stated that at every election groups were formed etc. I do not think that the Farmers' Group members in the House of Commons have actually used a split upon any of the great issues.

Mr. Woodsworth experienced a hope that the group would stop pulling together the old way. However, relations, already pending to the other Western Provinces but that it will be more effective in the end. He also made a strong plea for public ownership of the railroads as [illegible]

The speaker's address was mainly devoted to a consideration of the causes of war which he ascribed as national prejudice, the [illegible] and growth of armaments and economic rivalry. He said ultimately the struggle comes back to a fight for [illegible]

Consideration of Old Man's Question

Mr. [illegible] who is [illegible] as one of the [illegible] and the best informed members of the House of Commons on [illegible] and trade questions, stated he had not been [illegible] by the [illegible] of all the [illegible] relations with Russia by the [illegible] and [illegible] of the [illegible] of oil products through [illegible] of examples which had been quoted to impress him favorably upon the Russian [illegible] He did not [illegible] to urge that the Canadian government [illegible] to offer our [illegible] Russia. He urged the adoption of a policy of the optimum share of the [illegible] of the wheat [illegible] pointing out the [illegible] of [illegible] export [illegible] of the adoption of an [illegible] to obtain trade with Russia.

Some of the Resolutions

[illegible] adopted by the [illegible] which was presented over by [illegible] a [illegible] were as follows:

Asking that [illegible] naturalization [illegible] of naturalization [illegible] to make full [illegible] which [illegible] reference to [illegible] of [illegible] that [illegible] the principle of [illegible] or all [illegible] to [illegible] Dominion [illegible] Parliament [illegible] at Ottawa urging [illegible] enhancement of [illegible] relations between [illegible] and Russia [illegible] adoption of [illegible] [illegible] opposing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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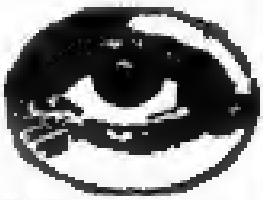

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Lake Wheat Pool Field Service Notes

Ben Baines, Pool elevator agent at Turin, secured more Pool contracts during September than any other Pool agent in district A—the number being sixteen.

George Rasmussen, of Raymond, recently signed a Pool contract covering 1200 acres. M. R. Woolf, Pool elevator agent at Raymond, secured this contract.

Scandia and Rainier have a very strong sign-up of second series contract, almost every grower being a member. Both have Pool elevators and the agents are looking forward to a satisfactory handling.

Vauxhall also has a strong sign-up. Pool elevator agent Harvey has received 88,000 bushels to November 8th. He has good reason to expect a very satisfactory handling for this season.

R. K. Smith, of New Dayton, recently signed a Pool contract for 2000 acres. H. L. Low, Pool elevator agent at New Dayton, secured this contract which to date is the largest acreage contract secured by Pool elevator agents in district A.

The Pool members of Grassy Lake held a meeting Saturday afternoon, November 3rd, when the car situation and the matter of a track loader was discussed. It was decided to obtain a loader from the Pool at once. Norman Nelson, Pool field man, addressed the meeting.

Up to October 25th the new Pool elevator at Foremost had received 121,000 bushels of wheat, and 62 farmers had received bins. Remarks made to the Pool field man indicate that Stanley Blackman, agent, has handled the situation in a very satisfactory manner.

Receipts of the Coaldale Pool elevator to November 6th this season are 142,150 bushels. This elevator is leading in district A, but does not compare with last year when 208,182 bushels had been received to November 6th. Space has been very fairly distributed, 70 farmers having had bins to date. Mr. McCann, the agent, has handled the situation very capably.

C. W. Halstead, Pool elevator agent at Lomond, has a hard row to hoe, with a small house and a half million bushel delivery point, a waiting list for bins with 75 names on it and more to come. This is one of the largest delivery points in district A and is in dire need of another elevator to take care of this volume of wheat. It is hoped that the construction program of next year will add facilities here.

On Saturday evening, November 3rd, Pool members at Milk River held an emergency meeting. Some 150 persons were present and Norman Nelson, Pool field man, addressed the meeting. The car situation, also the hilling of wheat to Pool terminals and other matters of interest to Pool members, were discussed. It is expected that Milk River will have half a million bushels of Pool wheat this year and growers are determined to make deliveries to Pool facilities. A large number of farmers have to date been unable to deliver wheat owing to the car shortage, which is serious. The second series sign-up is considerably stronger than the first series in this district and the attendance at this meeting gives some idea of the interest taken in handling and marketing of Pool Wheat.

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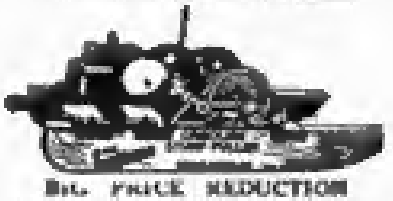

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